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For: **METHOD OF PREPARING AGGLOMERATED SILICA**

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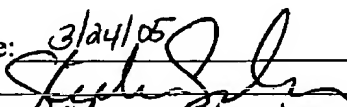
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to NALCO COMPANY referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of Assignee.

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